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Title: NOVEL SECRETORY MEMBRANE PROTEIN

The prior application is assigned of record to Chugai Research Institute for Molecular Medicine, Inc., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on December 30, 1999 at 010530/0685.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Specification	33
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Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 4 pages.
- Request to Transfer Computer Readable Form, 1 page.
- Copy of Sequence listing, 5 pages.
- Form PTO-1449, 1page, listing documents cited to or by the Office in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.
- Postcard.

This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/855,266, filed May 14, 2001, which is a Divisional of U.S. application serial no. 09/441,722, filed October 1, 1999, which is a continuation-

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